

REMARKS

Claims 34, 64, 87, and 100 are hereby amended. Accordingly, claims 1-113 are currently pending. Reexamination and reconsideration of the pending claims is respectfully requested.

In response to the election requirement of August 25, 2004, Applicants hereby provisionally elect the claims 1-110 of Invention I, drawn to a substrate bonding device, classified in claim 156, subclass 351. Within Invention I, Applicants hereby provisionally elect claims 35, 39, 65, 69, 88, 92, 101, and 105 as covered by species "b" and "c", wherein claims 1-33, 41-43, 71-86, 94-99, and 107-110 are acknowledged by the Examiner as being generic with respect to the apparatus of Invention I. Further, in the absence of any indication to the contrary, Applicants respectfully submit that claims 36-38, 66-68, 89-91, and 102-104 are also generic with respect to the apparatus of Invention I.

As noted by the Examiner, upon the allowance of a generic claim, Applicant will be entitled to consideration of claims to not more than two species in addition to the elected species, provided that all claims to each additional species are written in dependent form or otherwise include all the limitations of an allowed generic claim as provided by 37 CFR 1.146. Applicant's election is made without prejudice.

An action on the merits of all the claims and a Notice of Allowance thereof are respectfully requested.

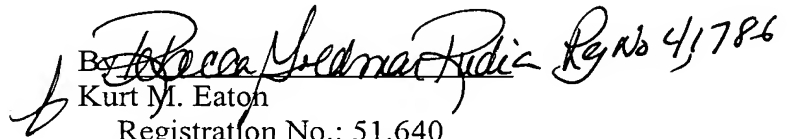
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